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MEMORANDUM FOR: NSC and USIB Affairs Assistant

SUBJECT : Revision of DCID No. 1/7, "Control
of Dissemination of Intelligence"

1. With the exceptions indicated below, the Office of Security concurs in the proposed revision of DCID No. 1/7.

2. The provisions of the revised Directive permit, in some cases, the use of abbreviations for dissemination markings, e.g., "WINTEL," "NO OTHER DOC," "NO CONTRACTOR," and "NOFORN." While for bibliographic notation these abbreviations may serve the purpose without risk of misunderstanding, their use in lieu of the markings on documents, including communication and automatic data processing products, is not believed desirable. As long as documents containing such markings remain in an environment where the abbreviation is well-known and easily recognizable, there is little chance of any misunderstanding. However, if such documents are disseminated outside of such an environment, certain of these abbreviations will not convey the significance of the marking in toto.

3. Paragraph 6a of the proposed Directive demands the prominent display of dissemination markings on documents and their incorporation in the text of communication messages. These requirements pose no problem. However, the same subparagraph also dictates the incorporation of dissemination markings in the text of information carried in automatic data processing. Such a requirement fails to address the entire need for associating caveats with sensitive data stored in or processed by computer. Further, it unduly restricts maintenance of such caveats to text format.

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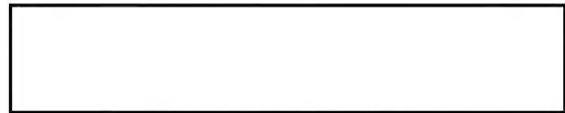
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4. The problem of security classification and dissemination control labels associated with sensitive data in our computers and other information processing systems is a complicated one requiring considerable narrative and discussion to describe. In order to correct the unnecessary restriction in the language of the proposed Directive and to address the problem in its full context without having to describe the full details from a technical standpoint, it is suggested that subparagraph 6a be revised as follows:

- "a. Dissemination markings authorized in paragraph 4. above, shall be displayed prominently on documents, ~~and~~ incorporated in the text of communication messages, and associated with data ~~information carried~~ information stored or processed in automatic data processing systems."



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